

REMARKS

In the specification, the paragraph on page 50 appearing under the heading “Abstract of the Disclosure” is amended to correct minor typographical errors.

After entry of this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-65 and 68-79 are canceled without prejudice to future prosecution and Claims 66, 67, and 80-107 will be pending for examination. Claims 66 and 67 stand objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants hereby amend claims 66 and 67 to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, however, claims 66 and 67 are reworded to clarify and to be substantively equivalent to the claims indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Also, Applicants introduce new claims 80-107. Applicants submit that no new matter is introduced by the amendments or by the new claims.

Support for the Claim Amendments and the New Claims

Support for the claim amendments and the new claims may be found in the specification as filed. Support for amended independent claims 66 and 67, for example, is found at least at page 6, lines 18-24; page 15, lines 23-28; page 16, lines 1-3, page 18, lines 24-28; page 19, lines 1-13; page 29, line 21 to page 30, line 27; page 33, line 12 to page 35, line 9; and FIGS. 3E-3M and related text.

Support for new independent claims 80 and 90, for example, is found at least at page 5, lines 14-28; page 6, lines 18-24; page 16, lines 4-22; and in FIGS. 3F-3M and related text.

Support for new independent claims 94 and 104, for example, is found at least at FIGS. 3I and 3J and related text. Further support for new independent claims 94 and 104, for example, is found at least at page 5, lines 14-28; page 6, lines 18-24; page 16, lines 4-22; and in FIGS. 3F-3M and related text.

Support for new dependent claims 81-89, 91-93, 95-103, and 105-107, for example, is found at least at page at least at page 5, lines 14-28; page 6, lines 18-27; page 7, lines 1-9; page 15, lines 23-28; page 16, lines 1-22; page 18, lines 24-28; page 19, lines 1-13; page 29, line 21 to page 30, line 27; page 33, line 12 to page 35, line 9; and FIGS. 3E-3M and related text.


CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 66, 67, and 80-107 are in condition for allowance. If, in the Examiner's opinion, a telephonic interview would serve to clarify issues and expedite the prosecution of the present application, the undersigned attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss any outstanding issues, and to work with the Examiner toward placing the application in condition for allowance.

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